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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL ISRAELI COMMENT ON SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL
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1. MRS. NAVA ARAT, A MEMBER OF THE ISRAELI LABOR PARTY
DELEGATION, PROVIDED ADDITIONAL COMMENT ON THE GENEVA CON-
FERENCE OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. SHE STRESSED THAT
HER DELEGATION HAD FELT REASSURED THAT THE ACCEPTANCE AND
STATUS OF ISRAEL REMAIN STRONGER IN THE SI THAN IN ANY
OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUM. THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE
MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION, THE WELCOME GIVEN TO PRIME MINISTER
RABIN'S STATEMENTS, AND THE PROMISE OF KEY EUROPEAN
SOCIALIST LEADERS TO ATTEND THE ISRAELI LABOR PARTY
CONGRESS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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2. HOWEVER, DESPITE THIS PUBLIC EFFORT TO REASSURE THE

ISRAELI LABOR PARTY THAT IT REMAINS A MEMBER IN GOOD
STANDING, THE OTHER MEMBERS PRIVATELY MADE IT KNOWN
THAT ISRAEL WOULD HAVE TO BECOME MORE ACCOM-
MODATING TOWARD THE ARABS, OTHERWISE IT WOULD BECOME MORE
ISOLATED WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.
THE ISRAELI DELEGATES WERE MADE FULLY AWARE OF THE GROWING
EUROPEAN DESIRE TO BRING THIRD WORLD PARTIES, ESPECIALLY
ARAB PARTIES, INTO CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL.
THIS WILL INEVITABLY INCLUDE GROWING EFFORTS TO LEGITIMIZE
CONTACTS WITH THE PLO. ACCORDING TO MRS. ARAT, THE ISRAELIS
SEE THIS NOW AS AN IRREVERSIBLE PROCESS WHICH THEY DO NOT
LIKE BUT WHICH THEY ARE PREPARED TO LIVE WITH RATHER THAN
SEVER THEIR TIES WITH THE SI.

3. OVER ISRAELI OBJECTION THE CONFERENCE REDUCED THE FULL
MEMBER SHIP OF THE JEWISH BAND (NON-ZIONIST RUSSIAN AND
POLISH EXILE GROUP) AND THE WORLD LABOR ZIONIST FEDERATION
TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AS PART OF ITS NEW POLICY OF
LIMITING FULL MEMBER SHIP TO NATIONAL PARTIES. ASSOCIATE
MEMBERSHIP AND OBSERVER STATUS WILL INCREASINGLY BECOME
THE MEANS OF BRINGING THIRD WORLD AND ARAB POLITICAL MOVE-
MENTS INTO CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE SI. IN VIEW
OF THE HOSTILITY WHICH MANY OF THESE PARTIES TEND TO
SHOW TOWARD ISRAEL, THE ISRAELI LABOR PARTY IS CONCERNED
ABOUT THIS TREND, BUT FEELS THAT MUCH WILL DEPEND ON
THE PARTIES SELECTED AND THE TIMING OF SI OVERTURES TO
THEM. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN AND ASIAN
PARTIES WHICH MAINTAIN GOOD FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH
THE ISRAELI PARTY. THERE IS ALSO HOPE THAT SOME AFRICAN
PARTIES MAY BE INDUCED TO TAKE A MORE UNDERSTANDING
POSITION TOWARD ISRAEL AS THEIR DISENCHANTMENT WITH ARAB
OIL POLITICS GROWS.
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